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Dear Dr. Migiro,

The Year 2010 promises to be an important milestone for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It is the Year when the world comes together to celebrate life on Earth, to review the progress and achievements of the 2010 biodiversity target, and to establish a new global vision for post-2010 targets.

These important decisions will be taken at the upcoming tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) – Nagoya Biodiversity Summit, to be held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, from 18 to 29 October 2010. This meeting will culminate with the adoption of a protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing.

In addition, the United Nations General Assembly will convene at its sixty-fifth session in 2010, a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly, with participation of Heads of State, Governments and delegations, exclusively devoted to biodiversity to mark the celebrations of the International Year.

In light of the above, the CBD Secretariat will publish a special edition publication entitled "Satoyama" which will be distributed to the high-level meeting, as well as the 10,000 participants expected to attend the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit.

I have the honour to invite you to contribute an article of approximately 400-800 words to this commemorative publication in the hopes that you will share your unique personal perspectives on gender and biodiversity making reference to your message to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Should you have any questions, or suggestions for another approach, please do not hesitate to send them to me.

It would be appreciated if we could receive your article before 30 July 2010, in order to allow us time for editing and publication for its release in September. You are also kindly invited to provide a recent photograph which will be published together with your article. All final submissions should be sent by electronic mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

In case you are unable to participate in this venture, I would appreciate it if you could advise us at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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